Boolean Searching on the Internet
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Logic operators used to construct a search, to broaden or narrow a search:

**OR**

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<th>college</th>
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Search terms: college or university
Includes data found in either category

**AND**

| poverty | crime |

Search terms: poverty and crime
Locates only data that has both words

**NOT**

| cats | dogs |

Search terms: cats not dogs
Includes data in one area and excludes everything with the other term

**Tips when searching in library catalog & databases**

Keyword (or simple search) looks for the word anywhere in the record – title, author, subject, summary, etc.

Subject refers to controlled vocabulary and you must know the term used by that source. Library catalog uses Library of Congress Subject Headings.

Ask library staff for assistance.